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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Travel and Transportation Expenses

REFERENCE : Memo fr ADD/S to D/Pers dtd 25 Mar 68, same subject

1. This memorandum submits a recommendation for your approval; this recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.

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2. The Associate General Counsel originally stated with respect to the case that "There is authority to pay the travel and transportation expenses of employees originally hired for overseas service back to their place of residence at time of appointment." In subsequent discussion, he interpreted this authority to apply whether the employee is overseas or PCS Headquarters and whether the employee is retiring or being separated. Agency regulations have long provided for the shipment of household effects for employees retiring or separating abroad--to the place "where the employee will reside" in the case of the retiree, and "to the place of residence at time of appointment" for the employee being separated. A clear distinction is made for employees serving overseas. Our regulations make no provision for the payment of transportation expenses for employees retiring or being separated from a PCS assignment at Headquarters. It has been our position that no statutory authority existed for such action. The decision of the Associate General Counsel came as a distinct surprise and we requested that it be reviewed. This has been done and we have now been advised by the Associate General Counsel that a check with the General Accounting Office does not reveal a statutory authority for payment in the case.

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3. It is interesting to note that the Committee on Administrative Authorities has recommended a change in our regulations to provide for the payment of travel and transportation expenses to an employee retiring under the Central Intelligence Retirement and Disability System regardless of his PCS point (U. S. or abroad) to a place he designates in the U. S., its territories or possessions. This recommendation is based on adoption of the authorities in the Foreign Service Act and is without regard to the terms of initial employment. If this recommendation is approved, it would apply for Mr. [redacted]

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4. It is my understanding that action is under way in the Office of the Deputy Director for Support to obtain approval to adopt the administrative authority in the Foreign Service Act, identified in paragraph 3 above, under the authority delegated to the Executive Director-Comptroller by the Director.

5. It is recommended that if Executive Director-Comptroller approval is obtained, the case be processed under this new authority.

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/s/ Robert S. Wattle  
Robert S. Wattle  
Director of Personnel

The recommendation contained in paragraph 5 is approved.

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